



FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

June 9, 2023

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds

PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

SCA Rounds 2 and 3

The FINAL date to complete the survey is **today June 9, 2023!**

See below for a link to see if your district has already completed the survey.

- Review the updated FAQ document posted on our website here <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/supply-chain-assistance-sca-frequently-asked-questions>
- The SCA funds can only be spent on un-processed or minimally processed food.
- School districts **MUST** complete the attestation survey to receive both round 2 and 3 funds. **This survey has been extended.** The FINAL date to complete the survey is **today June 9, 2023.** The survey is found on the website under the News and Updates section or by following the link here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8MNHFN>
- A list of LEAs who have already completed the survey is posted here <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/leas-sca-attestation-statement-survey-list-round-2-and-3>
- If your school district contracts with a Food Service Management company to provide meals, the school is encouraged to contact the FSMC representative to discuss supply chain disruptions including food price increases. The SCA funds must not be used to pay the regular monthly invoice for fixed-price meals. Many fixed price contracts have increased due to salary increases AND food price increases. The SCA funds can be paid to the FSMC, at the discretion of the school district, so that the FSMC can use the SCA funds to pay towards a food invoice that the FSMC pays directly to purchase food for the schools meals. We encourage you have these conversations with your FSMC representative.
 - The school district would retain the invoice for records and use proper coding. For example: the price of milk has increased due to supply chain disruptions. The school can decide to pay the FSMC a portion of the SCA funds so that the FSMC can pay the milk invoice using the SCA funds.
 - The purpose of the funds is to help provide relief for supply chain disruptions such as price increases and disruptions in food distribution brought on by the pandemic. If the school district does not purchase food directly, the school district may choose to send a check to the FSMC using the SCA funds to pay for an invoice. The school district must retain a copy of the invoice that the SCA funds are used to pay for by the FSMC.
- If the school district can not use the SCA funds, the district should not accept the funds and do not complete the survey. Any remaining funds will be reallocated to other schools.
- These funds do not expire. Since schools will receive round 2 and 3 funds before June 30, the school can roll-over the funds. We don't know what supply chain

disruptions are still to come, so these funds are available to help your food service be prepared for supply chain disruptions and price increases.

Food and Nutrition Services processed a reallocation payment to school districts that received the first round of SCA funds in school year 2021-2022. Schools received this payment on May 19, 2023.

The SCA webinar that was on May 9th is available here

<https://vimeo.com/828397002/2f1ac92085?share=copy>.

The SCA Funds webinar slides posted on our website here

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/lets-talk-tuesday-supply-chain-assistance-slides>



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